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A WARM DISCUSSION. P'int," says the deacon as be hits a

JERICHO AGITATED ABOUT A SCHOOL-HOUSE LIGHTNING ROD.

on Both Sides and How the Building Itself Settled the Question.

[Copyright, 1900, by C. B. Lewis.] It was a lightnin rod man who started the schoolhouse discussion. He Moses in his slow way—"I'm not ag'in came along the other day and saw that 'em fur what they are. It 'pears to

and he went to the town board and of the bottom instead of the roof. Thar's fered to put one up for so much. The about 20 hogs nestin under the schooltown board wrastled over it all day house, and thar's about 20 holes in the without comin to a conclusion, and floor. I sorter like the idea of a lightwhen it got to be known all over Jericho | nin red, and I sorter like the idea of a a big crowd assembled at the postoffice | new floor and drivin the hogs out. One in the evenin to talk the matter over, idea sorter balances the t'other, and I It was Deacon Spooner who called the don't want to cast my vote either way." crowd to order and said: "As it appears to me and to a major-

to state his case."

and bein as the cause of education may good to lift a ton." I've knocked \$15 off the reg'lar price."

am standin neutral in this bizness, and put the question to a vote. Jest then I'd like to hear both sides of the ques- in comes Lish Billings, and the deacon tion. Mebbe Silas Lapham, who lives turns to him and says: next door to the schoolhouse, would like to make a few remarks."

"Lish, we are hevin a meetin about that lightnin rod on the schoolhouse. like to make a few remarks."

up, "I'm ag'in the idea of a lighten you'd like to say sunthin. Are you fur rod. That there schoolhouse was built it or ag'in it?" 13 years ago, and durin them 13 years we've had 72 thunderstorms. If she's awhile, dodged 72, why can't she dodge 200? Why can't she keep right on dodgin till she tumbles down of old age? Forty dollars fur a lightnin rod means more taxation. Thar's sich a thing as an down about an hour ago of its own emporium of education, but thar's also self, and I don't reckon thar's any call sich a thing as an emporium of taxa- to waste any breath about the mattion. Jericho is out of debt and no ter." one kickin, but let the hand of excessive taxation clutch her throat, and how long would it take to strangle the

like to answer it."

this year. I've known a man to go on distance without fatigue. dodgin a mule's heels fur 16 years and Not being a landed proprietor or a dodge a hundred more thunderstorms, negotiations with several people for and mebbe we will skassly hev sought the talisman which would render me our virtuous couches this night before invulnerable none of them was willing drivin through her and leave nuthin cism-a revolver at 30 paces-even tion once reared its proud roof to the accident.-Geographical Journal. blue vaults of heaven. I said \$40 to the town board today, but in order to show my interest in the cause of education and to prove to you that my hand is ever stretched forth to uphold the great parties. It was conducted

I'll make the price \$38." made a p'int," says the deacon as he ed from every state (not chosen, howwhacks on the stove and looks around. ever, on a basis of electoral strength), schoolhouse rearin it's proud roof to nominated, and a platform was adoptthe blue vaults of heaven he's made a ed. The Democrats held their first nap'int, and i'm more favorable to the tional convention in Baltimore in May, lightnin rod than I was. I think this 1832, 313 delegates being present. As crowd would like to hear from Enos this year, the only contest was over

Williams." sartin things dodge or bust. They wanted to insure the meetin house 24 years ago, but my advice was to let her dodge. She's thar yit. I've got a barn 30 years old, and she's never had a lightnin rod or been insured-jest had to dodge or bust all these yearsand she's thar yit. Seventeen years expostulated with him on one occasion, ago, when I built my house, I put a bell on the front door. Nobody has rung that bell to this day. It would be the same if we put a lightnin rod constitution." on the schoolhouse-you wouldn't see a thunderstorm around here fur the next stitution was destroyed long ago. I'm 15 years. I'm all right on the emporium of education bizness, and I can see that thar schoolhouse rearin it's as plain as if it wasn't 9 o'clock at bay district. From the cold, deep and night, but I don't see no call to pay clear waters of Georgian bay thou-

out \$38. Let her dodge or bust!" sands and thousands of rocky islets "Thar's a p'int thar, Enos-thar's a rise.

AN ARTISTIC DESIGN.

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tracker bar'l with his cane. "Yes, sir, Shows Residence of Twelve Rooms thar's a good deal in your theory about dodgin. When all the cows around (Copyright, 19th by George Hitchings, architect, here was hevin the lump jaw, a feller offered to protect mine ag'in it fur \$3. Pap Perkins, the Postmaster, Tells I said I'd let her take her chances, and

1000 Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn. 1 This house is now in the course of con-struction in Flatbush, Brooklyn, and will About the Pints That Were Made she come through all right. I obsarve make a very artistic and comfortable Moses Forbush among the audience, home. The exterior is covered with skin and, as Moses built the fence around gles on the second story, stained with the schoolhouse, mebbe he's got sun-

thin to say." the schoolhouse was without a rod, me, however, that we'd better begin at

"You hevn't made a p'int," says the deacon, "but nobody expected you to. ity of the citizens of this town that an I take it, however, that you go in fur epoch in the history of Jericho has ar. an emporium of education, bein you rived, I call upon the lightnin rod man got the job of buildin the fence and hey seven children goin to school."

"There ain't much to state," replies "Yes, I think I do," replies Moses the man. "I've offered to put up two "I've allus feit that it was my duty rods on the schoolhouse and warrant it to uphold the Magna Charta of liberty. a good job for \$40. Bein as a school and when it comes to boostin the house is an emporium of knowledge wheels of progress and civilization I'm

be said to be the bulwarks of liberty. It was then suggested that the lightnin rod man might want to say sunthin "I take it that he's made a p'int," more, and he went at it and made a says the deacon as he tunks on the reg'lar Fourth of July oration. He picfloor with his cane. "Emporium of rd- tured George Washington, John Hancock, Thomas Jefferson and half a dozen more goin to school to learn how to spell such words as "liberty," "freedom" and "bulwarks." He pictured them schoolhouses bein struck by lightnin fur the want of rods, and he had tears in Joab Warner's eyes in less'n five minits. Then he pictured the hapny children of Jericho crowded into the schoolhouse on a summer's day. Among them was future lawyers, doc tors, editors, statesmen and poets. They was drinkin in deep drafts of education when a black cloud appeared over Jim Taylor's barn, a rumble of thunder was heard, and a minit later a thunderbolt shot out and struck the schoolhouse, and thar was a tragedy to convulse the world. The town had saved \$38 on a lightnin rod, but whar was the schoolhouse, the schoolma'am and 44 scholars? Some was shouting and some was wipin their eyes when ucation and bulwarks of liberty seem the man sot down, and after Deacon to come in Jest right and hit the school. Spooner had declared it the strongest house on all sides at once. I fur one p'int he ever heard he made ready to

"As fur me," says Silas as he rises As you painted the buildin mebbe

"Neither one," answers Lish after

"Are you standln neutral?" "Not exactly."

"Then, how do you make it out?" "Why, the durned old buildin fell

Talismans In China,

The belief in the potency of charms, life out of her? I'm askin you to etc., is very widespread among the lowpause and ponder afore it is too late." er class Chinese and the Shans in parts "Silas, you've made a p'int and a of Yunnau. The latter in particular strong one," says the deacon when the have all kinds of amulets to ward off applause has subsided. "If the school- evil, the gem of their collection being house has dodged 72 thunderstorms, one which confers invulnerability on thar's no reason to think she won't the wearer. This useful quality may keep up the record. Yes, it's a p'int, also be obtained, I was informed, by and mebbe the lightnin rod man would undergoing a very painful process of tattooing. During my trip I was shown "I don't think much of the p'int," a "dragon's nest," which looked like a says the man as he gits up ag'in. bit of the horsehair stuffing from a for-"Thar's 80,000,000 people in these Unit- eight saddle, guaranteed to render the ed States, and because none of 'em fell purchaser's house safe from fire, and a down stairs last year it don't foller "female deer's horn," which would enathat a hean of 'em won't tumble down ble the fortunate owner to walk a great

then git 'em both in the stomach at professional sprinter, I had no use for once. Mebbe your schoolhouse will these things, and though I entered into a thunderbolk as big as a bar'l will go to stand the test of western skeptibut a heap of splinters to mark the though I offered them an enormous spot where your emporium of educa- sum and a handsome funeral in case of

The First National Convention, What may be called the first national convention was not held by either of the prestige of a nation of freemen by what was known as the Anti-Masonic party and was held in Baltimore "He's made a p'int, gentlemen-he's in September, 1831. Delegates attend-"Yes, sir, when he talks about our a president and vice president were the vice presidency, General Harrison "I'm with Silas Lapham," says Enos | having a walkover for first place. His as he shets up his jackknife and gits apponents convened in Washington and his feet under him. "I'm fur lettin named Henry Clay, 17 out of 24 states being represented. Since then nominating conventions have been the rule. New York Sun.

Living on the Bylaws.

Rufus Choate once by overwork had shattered his health. Edward Everett

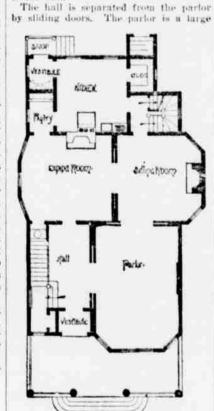
saying: "My dear friend, if you are not more self considerate, you will ruin your "Oh," replied the legal wag, "the con-

living on the bylaws." Some of the greatest fishing grounds proud roof to the blue vaults of heaven of the great lakes are in the Georgian

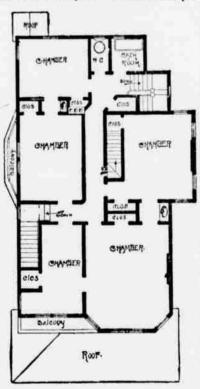
FRONT ELEVATION.

sienna creosote stain. The first story is white pine bevel siding painted a colonial The roof is stained green. The pinzza across the front is 10 feet wide, giving protection from the hot summer sun. The large vestibule has a tile floor. The hall is 10 feet wide by The large vestibule has a 14 feet deep, making a large room that can be furnished to advantage as a reception room. On the stairs up two steps is a large landing, with closet for umbrellas or rubber coats, and a large act glass window gives a very pretty light

by sliding doors. The parlor is a large



FIRST FLOOR PLAN. room finished in white enamel and gold, with a large colonial mantel to match the woodwork. The ceiling is ornamented with a large centerpiece of neat design and hand painting. This room is 14 feet wide by 20 feet deep and is separated from the sitting room by sliding doors. The sitting som has an open fireplace arranged for a gas log. This room is finished in antique oak, with a wood mantel to match. The dining room also has an open fireplace and a wood mantel. The rear stairs are a very convenient feature of this plan. The kitchen is pro-



SECOND FLOOR PLAN.

with an earthen sink and has a range, with a gas range attached, and a large dish closet and is separated from the dining room by a large butler's pan-

try.

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LYNN'S FIFTY YEARS.

LIFE IS PLEASANT IN THIS NEW ENG-LAND TOWN.

An Industrial City That Is Not Too Busy to Neglect the Beautiful Splendid Public Library and a Wonderful Forest Park.

The fiftieth anniversary of the city of Lynn, which was incorporated in May, 1850, has recently been celebrated. Lynn is a very frank and complete product of modern American in dustrialism. Before the manufacture of shoes was begun there in a system atic way, after the invention of the sewing machine, between 1840 and 1850, it was no more than a country village, surrounded with great tracts of forest, marsh and rocky fell country. It was practically no more than a rus tic calling station on the road between Boston and Salem.

Ellas Howe's machine and the es tablishment of shoe factories soon changed all that. The town was built up almost wholly on the factory sys tem and has become as complete a product as may be of that factory sys tem of which it has been said by a popular economist that it is "ugly, dis agreeable, mechanical, injurious to public health and a danger to the na tional existence."

This application of the factory sys tem, indeed, has resulted in some things which are highly desirable and which tend to make the life of a poor man, and particularly the life of the poor man's child, more agreeable and fortunate than that of the vast major ity of the poor people of the world. If for instance, the poor boy of Lynn coming from his barely possible tene ment house home-there are few tene ment houses in Lynn-to a public school, is sent out to obtain statistics as to the comparative cost of his edu cation, he goes to a sumptuous public library for the purpose. There, sitting at a massive oak table, an original work of art, especially designed and carved to suit the architecture of the hall, he turns the leaves of documents which are placed before him by an at tendant and ascertains that he is fa veted among all the school children to the world in point of the annual ex penditure for his education.

He glances up at a beautiful decora tion, painted by a gifted artist (of New York, by the way), at a large cost, rep resenting the "Awakening of Igno rance" and representing the angel of universal enlightenment pointing somastonished primitive barbarians to the ideal modern city looming above the clouds. The child, impressed by these he is being so admirably educated, but if he is a healthy boy his mind probainstruction which is being bestowed upon him to the unexampled facilities Open every evening. for open air recreation with which this badly industrialized community has provided him. His mind wanders to the great Lynn woods, that noble public forest, or, if the weather is warm to the farreaching Lynn beach, which is really a very remarkable ocean side terrace, where the municipality has provided him with free bathing and general recreation facilities.

This beach quite equals that at Coney Island, and it is rounded out at either extremity by a much finer nat ural prospect. The Lynn woods are worthy of a letter by themselves. Just behind the city, within half a mile of some of its most important structures there stretches a great expanse of nat ural and rocky woodland more than 2,000 acres in extent. Within it the sites of former swamps are occupied by pretty lakes. There are evergreen glens, footpaths winding along rocky slopes and smooth drives, where, if the poor boy possesses a wheel, as most of the poor boys of Lynn do, he may ride it amid sylvan solitudes for hours.

To provide this great recreation ground for the people and preserve forever the natural beauty of the for est, where the ancient wolf pits of the early settlers still exist intact, the city of Lynn several years ago not only gave a vast sum outright, but decided to forego the opportunity for expansion and its well to do citizens the chance of profitable real estate investments and dedicate the whole space to the people. There is not a nobler or more beautiful public park in the United States than this one provided by an enlightened public policy in this highly "industrialized" city of 65,000 inhabitants.

Between the municipal ocean side terrace in front and the municipal public forest behind this little city of Lynn extends in a thin gray red line. It is not at all remarkable for the beauty of its architecture, but it is remarkable for what we are not supposed to expect in a factory town-the number of its modest and thrifty homes. The tenement house system is practically abandoned. As for that matter, it is abandoned throughout New England. I may remark, parenthetically, that in Fall River, which has been in the past one of the worst examples in America of the factory and tenement house system, the mill corporations are tearing down their tenements for the reason that they cannot get anybody to live in them The operatives have acquired homes of their own, and the little houses of the poor are stretching far eastward and northward into the region which, ten years ago, was a continuous wood

At Lynn there is still, owing to this determination of the people to live in such little houses of their own, much of the appearance of a big country village, but with this country town look there has gone a very remarkable development of municipal electrical ap pliances, and the city enjoys every possible application of electricity in its lighting and transportation systems.

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